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In re Application of:	)	
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Tomo WATANABE et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 5982
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Application No.: 10/025,809	)	Group Art Unit: 2137
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Filed: December 26, 2001	)	Examiner: Shewaye Gelagay
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For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS,	)	
A DATA PROCESSING METHOD, A	)	
DATA RECORDING MEDIUM ON	)	
WHICH DATA PROCESSING	)	
PROGRAM THAT IS READABLE	)	
BY A COMPUTER ARE RECORDED,	)	
AND A RECORDING MEDIUM	)	

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE**

Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Advisory Action dated May 22, 2006 and the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2005, the period for response to which extends through June 14, 2006 by the concurrently filed request for a three-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment.